

EDITORIAL ECETOC LAUNCHES ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP TO PROVIDE FOR POST-REACH CHEMICALS MARKET

I am pleased to announce that at the beginning of 2006, small and medium-sized companies will have the improved opportunity to join the ECETOC network as Associate Members, where they will be able to benefit from products and services to help fulfil their health, safety and environment obligations.

A role in the changing industry

The market for the manufacture and use of chemicals is made up of large, medium and small companies, but currently it is mainly the large entities who are involved in ECETOC. The market is changing and individual organisations are seeing the benefits of co-operating to share scientific resources focused on the impact of their products on safety, health and environment issues. Furthermore, small and medium-sized companies are becoming more and more concerned with issues of ecotoxicology and toxicology due to regulatory and consumer pressures.

Therefore in pursuing its mission to act as an 'independent, credible, peer-reviewed technical resource to all concerned', ECETOC will be playing a greater role in bringing together scientists and providing ecotoxicology and toxicology related scientific services to both manufacturers and users of chemicals in all sectors.

Increased diversity and sharper focus

Associate Membership was approved by ECETOC delegates of our member companies at the 2005 General Assembly. This decision has resulted from a consideration

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as to how the European Centre for Ecotoxicology and Toxicology of Chemicals can best serve the manufacturers and users of chemicals in a post-REACH era.

What is the expected impact for our current membership?

It is expected that existing and potential full member companies will continue to steer and guide ECETOC's scientific programme and maintain access to the same high quality services, but will also benefit from a broader perspective of the supply chain with the potential for a wider network of scientists and a more diverse work programme.

There is no doubt that associate member companies will influence the general direction of ECETOC through Board and Scientific Committee positions. What's more, they will benefit from a range of advantages at a reduced annual membership fee, including:

- Scientific expert involvement in the ECETOC work programme;
- the ability to put forward programme topics;
- networking opportunities and the exchange of ecotoxicology and toxicology information;
- receipt of free or reduced price services.

ECETOC has been reaching out to a broad range of smaller chemicals organisations at its series of successful outREACH events over the past two years and looks forward to continuing to offer its broader membership further such networking opportunities as well as training, workshops, information services and, of course, its core publishing services.

Dr. Jochen Rudolph
Chairman of the ECETOC Board of Directors

Make a note!

Profit-making non-member organisations who place publication orders by 23 December 2005 will benefit from the existing €125 price.

SG CORNER Strengthening the ECETOC advantage

While ECETOC is keen to incorporate members from a broader range of users and manufacturers of chemicals, it is also convinced that involvement and timely access to its unique work product, the highly-valued 'green-back' publications, should remain a competitive advantage for its members.

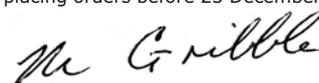
ECETOC publications are the result of a significant investment by mainly industry scientific experts from member companies and represents the acknowledged state of the science on issues of toxicology and ecotoxicology of chemicals, which are peer reviewed and not available from other sources.

Endorsed by its membership, incorporated into its statutes and timed to come into force with the launch of Associate Membership Categories A and B on 1st January 2006, a price increase from the current €125 to €300 will apply for profit-making non-member organisations. Associate Members B will pay €100 per report.

We are convinced that, while modest, this price increase gives a more realistic reflection of both the value of these publications and value-added of ECETOC membership. Over 240 different reports have been published since ECETOC's establishment in 1978 and access to documents from this full archive will remain free of charge to all Full and Associate A Members.

For more than 25 years, ECETOC has been sharing these reports with government bodies involved in the regulation of chemicals, to research institutes and to universities, where these complementary copies have both been well received and will continue to contribute to the sound science-based regulation of chemicals.

We invite profit-making non-member organisations to take advantage of the next few weeks by placing orders before 23 December



Dr. Michael Y. Gribble
ECETOC Secretary General

ECETOC MEMBERSHIP TYPES AND BENEFITS (as of 1st January 2006)

Type	Criteria	Fee	Eligibility	Services	Benefits
Full Membership	Companies manufacturing or using chemicals with a global turnover* greater than €2.0 billion.	€31.500 per annum	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Block voting rights at Annual General Meeting <i>(10 votes per Member company)</i> 2. Participation at Annual Technical Meeting 3. Topic proposal 4. Board membership 5. Scientific committee membership 6. Task force chairmanship <i>(based on expertise)</i> 7. Task force membership 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Free publications 2. Access to members' website <i>(unlimited logins per company)</i> 3. Invitations to workshops <i>(based on expertise)</i> 4. New services when introduced 	<p>Full Membership allows your organisation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Contribute to the chemical industry's state of the science; ■ Influence the long-term thinking of international agencies; ■ Propose topics for scientific review; ■ Propose candidates for task force chairs; ■ Nominate task force members; ■ Network and share scientific information with other chemical organisations; ■ Receive ECETOC publications free of charge; ■ Get access to specific members' pages of the website.
Associate Membership A	Companies manufacturing or using chemicals with a global turnover* of more than €0.5 billion but less than €2.0 billion.	€9.000 per annum	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Voting rights at Annual General Meeting <i>(3 block votes per Member company)</i> 2. Participation at Annual Technical Meeting 3. Topic proposal 4. 1 Associate Membership A board seat 5. Scientific Committee membership 6. Task Force chairmanship <i>(based on expertise)</i> 7. Task Force membership 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Free publications 2. Access to members' website <i>(unlimited logins per company)</i> 3. Invitations to workshops <i>(based on expertise)</i> 4. New services when introduced 	<p>Associate membership A allows your organisation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Contribute to the chemical industry's state of the science; ■ Influence the long-term thinking of international agencies; ■ Propose topics for scientific review; ■ Nominate task force members; ■ Network and share scientific information with other chemical organisations; ■ Receive ECETOC publications free of charge; ■ Get access to specific members' pages of the website.
Associate Membership B	Companies that primarily formulate and use chemicals with a global turnover* greater than €0.1 billion but less than €0.5 billion.	€3.000 per annum	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Voting rights at Annual General Meeting <i>(1 vote per Member company)</i> 2. Participation at Annual Technical Meeting 3. Topic proposal 4. 1 Associate Membership B board seat 5. Scientific Committee membership 6. Task Force chairmanship <i>(based on expertise)</i> 7. Task Force membership 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduced rate publications 2. Access to members' website <i>(unlimited logins per company)</i> 3. Invitations to workshops <i>(based on expertise)</i> 4. New services when introduced 	<p>Associate membership B allows your organisation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Contribute to the chemical industry's state of the science; ■ Influence the long-term thinking of international agencies; ■ Propose topics for scientific review; ■ Nominate task force members; ■ Network and share scientific information with other chemical organisation; ■ Receive ECETOC publications for a reduced fee (€100); ■ Get access to specific members' pages of the website.

* "Turnover" refers to turnover for sales of chemicals or products made inter alia of chemicals in the previous year

ECETOC, European Centre for Ecotoxicology and Toxicology Of Chemicals, was established in 1978 as a scientific, non-profit making, non-commercial association, financed by 50 of the leading companies with interests in the manufacture and use of chemicals. A stand-alone organisation, it was established to provide a scientific forum through which the extensive specialist expertise in the European chemical industry could be harnessed to research, review, assess and publish studies on the ecotoxicology and toxicology of chemicals.

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